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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT : Definitions of Intelligence

REFERENCE : DCI Memo B-110708-77 of 2 June 1977, Subject:  
National & Tactical Intelligence Relationship

1. Action Requested: None, for information only. The attached draft DCID on "Definitions of Intelligence" has been forwarded to the NFIB members for comment.

2. Background: In response to the reference which contains your views on national-departmental-tactical intelligence and your guidance at the 5 July 1977 NFIB meeting concerning definitions of intelligence, we have prepared the attached draft DCID. I believe it represents an organized approach to the matter and can provide a structure for discussion by NFIB. The DCID, in addition to defining 35 various "intelligence" usages, provides a framework which relates the definitions to one another. Wherever possible, existing terminology has been used. Where sources are in conflict, a notation to that effect accompanies the definitions. When comments have been received from the NFIB members we will propose the matter for addressal at an NFIB meeting.

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Attachment  
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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO.

DEFINITIONS OF INTELLIGENCE

1. Purpose

This directive establishes the definitions of "intelligence" to be used by the Intelligence Community.

2. Application

Definitions contained in the attachment to this directive will be used in all Intelligence Community products, studies and reports. Compatability with other authoritative sources has been achieved wherever possible.

3. Framework

While many of the definitions contained in the attachment are in common use throughout the Community, a comprehensive context illustrating their relationship to one another has been lacking. The table below relates definitions of intelligence in a five level hierarchical approach.

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